THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US Government has agreed to sell the radars.

Development of Shakti Engine ALH

2238. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Turbomeca, France based snecma group company have undertaken a joint venture to develop "Shakti" a more powerful engine for India's Advanced Light Helicopter; and

(b) if so, the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) To meet the requirements of Army & Air Force, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is considering fitment of a more powerful engine for the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH). It has been decided to jointly develop a higher-powered engine, named, 'Shakti' with Turbomeca, part of M/s. Snecma Group, France. Detailed discussions have been held and the technical specifications of the engine have been finalised. The draft proposal has been received from M/s. Turbomeca covering, *inter-alia*, co-development and co-production of Shakti engines.

Mandatory approval of CCS for defence purchases

2239. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence has recommended that "no procurement can be made without the approval of the Cabinet Committee on Security";

(b) if so, whether Government have received the recommendations of the Committee in this regard;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to implement the suggestions; and